GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FAKE PASSPORTS TO ULFA MILITANTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Pakistan envoy in Dhaka aiding ulfa; Mahanta`, appearing in the Asian Age dated March 15, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)-(c) According to available information, the ULFA leadership is in close touch with some officials of the Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka. There is also information that suggests that some ULFA leaders have procured foreign passports through fraudulent means.

Government have been regularly taking up various security related issues including cross-border terrorism and ISI`s activities with Bangladesh at different levels through diplomatic channels and institutional mechanisms existing between the two countries. During the India-Bangladesh Joint Working Group meeting on January 24-26, 2000, both sides reconfirmed their resolve not to allow undesirable elements to use their territories for activities prejudicial to the security interests of the other and agreed to share actionable intelligence through nodal officers.